

Turkey Run Nature Center Programs

Tuesday, June 5

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Help put out seed and suet, then sit back and watch the action. Nature Center.

11:30am-12:30pm Feel a Fur – Meet the Naturalist at the top of the 70 Steps (above the Suspension Bridge) to see and touch real animal hides.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Join us for a 40-minute exploration of current constellations, planets and deep space objects. Must be seated by 2 p.m. Nature Center.

Wednesday, June 6

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See above listing.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing. Nature Center.

Thursday, June 7

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See above listing.

10:30am Scat, Tracks and Signs! –Join us at the Nature Center for a one-hour program to learn how to locate an animal by the clues they leave behind!

2pm Planetarium Star Show –See above listing. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

Friday, June 8

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

11am Lusk Home Tour – Gather in the Lusk Home basement for a guided 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion & garden. Hear the legends, meet the people & enjoy a peek into the private lives of the Salmon Lusk family. Fun for all ages!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above. Must be seated by 2pm. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

4-6pm Naturalist In The Campground – Watch for the roving naturalist to see some real live native spiders.

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***Healthy Parks–Healthy People: Get “INShape” with us, or discover how to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.**

Saturday, June 9

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10:30am Soda Straw Weaving – See how easy it is to use an ancient technique to make a beautiful bookmark. 45-minute workshop. Nature Center

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous. Must be seated by 2pm. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

2&3pm Lusk Home Tours – Gather in the Lusk Home basement for a guided 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion & garden. Hear the legends, meet the people & enjoy a peek into the private lives of the Salmon Lusk family. Fun for all ages!

***8pm Preparing For The Night-** Meet at the Nature Center to learn how to enjoy the night without fear. 1-hour program and hike.

Sunday, June, 10

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

10:30am Fragrant Flowers- Come learn about the joys of flowers, and build your very own at the Nature Center auditorium. 45 min.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous. Must be seated by 2pm. *Reservations recommended.* Nature Center.

2&3pm Lusk Home Tours – Gather in the Lusk Home basement for a guided 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion & garden. Hear the legends, meet the people & enjoy a peek into the private lives of the Salmon Lusk family. Fun for all ages!

Monday, June 11

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See above.

10:30am Bubbles! – Come enjoy the wonders of making bubbles out of recycled material in this 45-minute program on the pool lawn (front of Nature Center).

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above. Must be seated by 2 p.m. Nature Center.

Tuesday, June 12

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See above listing.

11am-12pm Touch a Snake- Come find the Naturalist at the top of the 70 steps (before the Suspension Bridge) to touch & learn about a snake native to Turkey Run State Park.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above. Must be seated by 2 p.m. Nature Center.

Wednesday, June 13

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Help put out seed and suet, then sit back and watch the action. Nature Center.

11am Reptiles – See & touch native snakes & turtles as you discover their beauty & purpose. 30 min. Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Join us for a 40-minute exploration of current constellations, planets and deep space objects. Must be seated by 2 p.m. Nature Center.

Thursday, June 14

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See above listing.

10am Make a Flag- Come and learn about the Indiana state flag and leave with an Indiana flag to enjoy on Flag Day in this 45-minute program at the Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above listing.
Reservations Recommended. Nature Center.

Friday, June 15

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See above listing.

11am Lusk Home Tour – Gather in the Lusk Home basement for a guided 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion & garden. Hear the legends, meet the people & enjoy a peek into the private lives of the Salmon Lusk family. Fun for all ages!

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above listing.
Reservations Recommended Nature Center.

4-6pm Naturalist In The Campground – Watch for the roving naturalist to see what's in her Mystery Bucket!

Saturday, June 16

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Help put out seed and suet, then sit back and watch the action. Nature Center.

***10:30am Ferns and Flowers** Come join the naturalist on a 1-hour moderate hike to enjoy the ferns and flowers of Turkey Run. Meet at Nature the Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above listing.
Reservations Recommended Nature Center.

2&3pm Lusk Home Tours – Gather in the Lusk Home basement for a guided 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion & garden. Hear the legends, meet the people & enjoy a peek into the private lives of the Salmon Lusk family. Fun for all ages!

8pm Stars and Stuff - Meet in the planetarium to make star clocks, learn constellations and planets, & go outside to welcome the first stars of the evening. Nature Center. 1 hour.

***Healthy Parks–Healthy People: Get “INShape” with us, or discover how to keep a state park or reservoir healthy.**

Sunday, June 17

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds - See previous listing.

***10am Wild Plant Hike** – Join special guest Rich Scott at the Nature Center for a moderate 2½-3 hr moderate plant identification hike to explore medicinal, edible and other uses of our native plants. Pre-register at 765-597-2654 or redbud@bloomingtondaletel.com. Hike limited to 15 people.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.
Reservations recommended on weekends. Nature Center.

2&3pm Lusk Home Tours – See above listing. Tours being in the Lusk Home Basement.

Monday, June 18

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See above listing.

10:30am Yikes, Spiders! – Come to the Nature Center to hear about these creepy crawlies, including some things that will probably amaze you! 1 hour.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above listing.
Must be seated by 2 p.m. Nature Center.

Tuesday, June 19

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See above listing.

10:30am Mammals of Indiana- See and touch pelts and skulls of native mammals of Turkey Run State Park. 1 hr.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above listing.
Nature Center.

Wednesday, June 20

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30 am Help Feed The Birds- See previous listing.

Nature Video Day! – Request one of our many nature videos & we'll play it for you on the big screen. Nature Center

Thursday, June 21

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – Help put out seed and suet, then sit back and watch the action. Nature Center.

10-11am Pioneer Toys- Come to the Nature Center front porch to enjoy the old-fashioned fun of pioneer toys.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – Join us for a 40-minute exploration of current constellations, planets and deep space objects. Must be seated by 2 p.m. Nature Center.

7pm Meet The Friends – Gather in the Wagon Wheel Room of the Turkey Run Inn for a short program and monthly meeting of our Parks' support group, The Friends of Turkey Run and Shades State Parks. Find out how you can volunteer.

Friday, June 22

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9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See above listing.

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2pm Planetarium Star Show – See above listing.
Reservations recommended. Nature Center.

4-6pm Naturalist In The Campground – Watch for the roving naturalist to see what's in her Mystery Bucket!

Astronomy Day

Saturday, June 23

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds– See above.

10am Star Finders– Come to the Nature Center to build your very own star finder to help you find the constellations in the night sky! 45-minute workshop.

***11am Water Bottle Rockets!**– Come to the pool lawn near the Nature Center to launch air- and water-powered bottle rockets 50 feet in the air! 45-minute activity.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.
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2&3pm Lusk Home Tours – Gather in the Lusk Home basement for a guided 1-hour tour of an 1841 brick mansion & garden. Hear the legends, meet the people & enjoy a peek into the private lives of the Salmon Lusk family. Fun for all ages!

3pm Star Clocks - Meet in the Nature Center to make star clocks that will tell you the time at night. 30-minutes.

***8pm Getting Ready for the Night**– Meet at the Nature Center to learn how to enjoy the night without fear. 1-hour program and easy hike.

***10pm-1am Stargazing With The Pros** – Join the Wabash Valley Astronomical Society AT SHADES STATE PARK as they share their telescopes and knowledge. Try different kinds of telescopes, discover amazing deep space objects, and learn how to find your way around the night sky. Meet near the Dell Shelter at Shades State Park and take Trail 10 over to the old airstrip.

Sunday, June 24

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

***10:30am Gulch Hike**– Experience the rugged beauty of Turkey Run during a guided tour of Trail 2. Meet on Nature Center front porch for this 1.5-hour rugged hike.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.
Reservations Recommended Nature Center.

Monday, June 25

Nature Center OPEN 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. EDT

9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See previous listing.

***10:30am Insect Safari**– Come join a naturalist on a 1-hour hike to learn about and identify those crazy critters! Meet at the Nature Center.

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.
Nature Center.

Tuesday, June 26

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9:30am Help Feed The Birds – See above.

10:30-11:30am Feel a Fur – Meet the Naturalist at the top of the 70 steps (before the Suspension Bridge) to learn and touch real animal hides

2pm Planetarium Star Show – See previous listing.
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